GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:390
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PEACE PROCESS IN NAGALAND
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the peace process started sometime back in Nagaland has suffered a setback recently:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether various State Governments of North-Eastern States have urged the Union Government to extend the ceasefire with NSCN to their territories;

(d) if so, the grounds adduced for the demand;

(e) the response of the Union Government thereto; and

(f) the steps taken to restore peace in North-Eastern States and revive the process of negotiations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.

(f): Government is committed to restoration of peace and has extended an invitation to all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness to come forward for talks within the four corners of our Constitution.

Steps taken by the Government to combat militancy in the North East include, interalia, deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the security forces; modernisation/upgradaton of State Police forces; reimbursement of security related expenditure; sanction of Special Central Assistance to the State Governments; declaration of the most seriously affected area as `disturbed areas` and notification of the major insurgent groups as `unlawful associations`. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action.